## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

August 16, 2001

Construction-Operations Regulatory (01-06619-DJS)

Mr. Ross Abel RLK Kuusisto Ltd. 6110 Blue Circle Drive, Suite 100 Hopkins, Minnesota 55343

Dear Mr. Abel:

We have reviewed information about a project of Vision Land Company to discharge 3400 square feet of fill material for the Wyoming Park Estates Residential Development in an unnamed wetland. The project site is in SE 1/4 Sec. 29, T. 33N., R. 21W., Chisago County, Minnesota, as shown on the attached drawing or map.

This jurisdictional determination takes into consideration the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <u>Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. Corps of Engineers</u> (the SWANCC decision). The area encompassed by this jurisdictional determination is a waterbody/wetland that is approximately 1 acre in size.

The subject water body is not a "water of the United States" because it is: (1) not a navigable water, (2) not an interstate water, (3) not part of a tributary system to 1 or 2, (4) not a wetland adjacent to any of the foregoing, and not an impoundment of any of the above. In addition, the interstate commerce nexus to this particular waterbody is insufficient to establish Clean Water Act jurisdiction. This waterbody is therefore not subject to regulation by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

This jurisdictional determination is valid only for the project and waterbody referenced above. It is based on the Headquarters guidance available to us at this time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LETTER DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (SUCH AS THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR COUNTY).

If you have any questions, contact Dan J. Seemon in our St. Paul office at (651) 290-5380. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory number shown above.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Whiting Chief, Regulatory Branch

Copy furnished to: Jeff Fertig, Chisago County